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## SHOT DOWN IN HIS BANK. G. H. WYCKOFF ATTACKED. THE PRESIDENT OF THE NEW-AMSTERDAM WOUNDED BY A CRANK.

HE HAD REFUSED THE MAN'S DEMAND FOR \$6,000.—HIS ASSAILANT TRIES SUICIDE—PHYSICIANS SAY THAT THE RECOVERY OF BOTH MEN IS IN DOUBT.

Failure to obtain \$6,000 on a wild demand yesterday provoked a crazed individual to shoot President George H. Wyckoff, of the Bank of New-Amsterdam, and to turn the revolver on himself, firing two bullets into his body.

The shooting occurred at 12:45 o'clock. Great excitement prevailed in Broadway in the neighborhood of the bank, which occupies the corner of the Metropolitan Opera House Building, at Thirty-ninth-st. The sidewalk and street was one mass of people who crowded to the bank doors. Six policemen arrived to keep back the



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crowd, which steadily increased, and it was not until an hour after the shooting that most of the throng dispersed, a number remaining to know and groups at street corners, all discussing the nature of the crime.

President Wyckoff and Charles Clark, the man who did the shooting, were pronounced as mortally wounded when the ambulance arrived to take them to the New-York Hospital. The two were alone in the president's office when the crime was committed. The first intimation of trouble which came to others in the bank was when three pistol shots sounded in rapid succession, and the door of the private office opened to reveal Mr. Wyckoff staggering across the threshold, his hand pressed to his body below the heart, where blood gushed from a wound.

## APPEARANCE OF THE CRANK.

Only a few minutes before that a young man with a light mustache and dressed in a well-worn suit had passed through the corridor and entered the president's office. Nothing suspicious was observed in his manner, and no especial notice was taken of him as he approached the private office at the Thirty-ninth-st. end of the banking room.

Mr. Wyckoff was at his desk when the stranger entered. The door closed upon the two, and what followed is gleaned from the fragmentary utterances which the president made with difficulty while he lay in a dying condition.

The visitor thrust a letter before Mr. Wyckoff. This was on the note paper of the Marlborough Hotel, and read as follows:

"We want \$6,000—five \$1,000 and ten \$100 bills. I will shoot if you make a false move, so be careful. My partner is outside and has you covered. If you make an alarm within three minutes after I leave, he will throw a stick of dynamite through the front entrance. Put the money in an envelope; don't talk!"

President Wyckoff rose from his chair. "I can do that," he said, and motioned to the

black When he was asked who did the shooting, he said that he shot Mr. Wyckoff and then himself. He said he was sorry he didn't kill himself. He had no home and no address to give, he said, but he mentioned that he was going home. He tried to rise, but the officer who came held him. Then the call was sent for an ambulance, which came in about fifteen minutes.

When Mr. Wyckoff went to the clerk's office at the other end of the corridor, passing the line of depositors on the way, he made no effort to suffer and did not ask for any assistance, but when he sank to the sofa in the room, with the blood dropping from him to the floor, helping hands were extended to him, and his head pillow was extended to him, and his head was placed in as comfortable a position as could be devised.

A messenger was sent immediately to call a surgeon, but the ambulance arrived first, and Mr. Wyckoff was taken to the hospital, where his assailant was also treated.

## CLARK TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

Policeman John Glynn, of the West Thirtieth-st. police station, took charge of Clark and accompanied the ambulance to the New-York Hospital.

The first word spoken by Mr. Wyckoff when he lay in the clerk's office was a request to Mr. Demarest, the paying teller, to inform Mrs. Wyckoff, and to send for the vice-president of the bank, Mr. Tilford, of the firm of Park & Tilford, the greencaps. Mr. Tilford, who was just across the street, came at once.

## MR. WYCKOFF'S ACCOUNT OF THE SHOOTING.

"Mr. Wyckoff," said Mr. Tilford to a Tribune reporter, "was conscious when I arrived at the bank. He gave a brief account of the shooting. He said that when the man entered his office and demanded money, his first thought was that the stranger was a 'crank' and that aid should be summoned. This is terrible. Mr. Wyckoff is well liked, and this assault will be a shock to many."

J. W. McKinley, manager of the Metropolitan Opera House Company, who appeared at the bank soon after the shooting, said that he found President Wyckoff lying in the ambulence, which started to the hospital. Both men were conscious.

Policeman J. Bradley, of the W. 30th-st. station, was returning from his rounds when he noticed the crowd that had collected in front of the bank. Thinking that something must be wrong and that his presence might be needed, he hurried to the scene of the crime. After he had arrived there he was ordered to accompany the ambulance to the New-York Hospital, in Fifteenth-st., between Fifth and Sixth aves. The officer was seen by a Tribune reporter sometime later at the Thirtieth-st. station, where he had gone for further orders.

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When the two wounded men had reached the hospital they were taken to Ward 1, and the assailant, Clark, was placed on a cot that is removed from that assigned to his victim by only three others. And there the two men lay for hours, for it was 5:30 o'clock before Mr. Wyckoff was removed to the operating-room. Soon after their arrival, the clothes of Clark were taken and searched. He was dressed in a threadbare blue serge coat and waistcoat, made by A. Close & Son, of New-York; and black striped trousers, white linen shirt and white standup collar, with

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## KILLED HIS WIFE IN THE STREET.

A JEALOUS HUSBAND'S CRIME—HE DANGEROUSLY WOUNDS THE WOMAN'S ALLEGED PARAMOUR.

Thomas Lynch, a boilermaker, of No. 746 Greenwich-st., last night shot and instantly killed his wife, Annie R. Lynch, twenty-nine years old, and dangerously wounded Thomas Bannon, a brakeman, thirty-one years old, in front of No. 334 West Thirty-ninth-st. The shooting was the result of trouble between the couple over the alleged attentions of Bannon to the woman.

Last night about 11:55 o'clock Lynch saw his wife and Bannon coming from the door of No. 334 West Thirty-ninth-st., where the latter lives with his mother. It is thought that Lynch was there expecting to see Bannon and his wife together. As soon as Lynch saw the couple coming from the house he drew a revolver and fired two shots in quick succession at his wife. One shot struck her in the left temple and the other in the right side of the jaw. She was killed instantly. Bannon was trying to get away, but the enraged husband was too quick for him and shot him twice, hitting him under the left eye and in the right side of the back.

A crowd began to gather immediately after the first shot was heard, and the street was soon blocked with excited people. Lynch was trying to get away when Policeman McDonald appeared, and a couple of men in the crowd pointed Lynch out to the policeman. Lynch made some resistance, but was soon subdued and taken to the West Thirty-seventh-st. police station. After a little difficulty the police cleared the street.

An ambulance quickly arrived from Roosevelt Hospital, and Bannon was taken there. Later he was transferred to the New-York Hospital. All Lynch would say about the shooting was that his wife had left him and refused to live with him under the same roof.

## A.R. SANFORD, OF FALL RIVER, IN TROUBLE.

## HIS PROPERTY ATTACHED BY THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-BEDFORD.

Fall River, Mass., June 15.—Attachments have been placed on the property of Arnold B. Sanford, treasurer of the Globe Yarn Mills, by the Citizens' National Bank of New-Bedford. One is on account of a note for \$100, the other of \$50,000. More security was asked on them a week ago, but could not be given, hence the action taken. The affair is the outgrowth of heavy imbursements by Mr. Sanford for the Somers and Johnsonburg Manufacturing Company. This concern operates two plants—one at Somers, this State, the other at Johnsonburg, Penn., and manufactures fancy things and other products from clay.

It was capitalized at \$100,000 under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Sanford became a heavy subscriber to its paper. Two years ago bonds were issued to the extent of \$50,000, and could not be sold in the open market, owing to the great depression at the time.

About all of these bonds were taken up by Mr. Sanford, and the notes he endorsed were met. Interest was not paid on the bonds, and two months ago Mr. Sanford ordered a foreclosure on the property. When the New-Bedford Bank learned of the additional security was asked on the notes, and on being refused the attachments followed, as shown above.

Mr. Sanford says if the matter is pushed there will be no preferred creditors. Very little of his paper is held by banks and the like.

Mr. Sanford was taken to his home at the Thirtieth-st. station, was returned from hospital when he noticed the crowd that had collected in front of the bank. Thinking that something must be wrong and that his presence might be needed, he hurried to the scene of the crime. After he had arrived there he was ordered to accompany the ambulance to the New-York Hospital, in Fifteenth-st., between Fifth and Sixth aves.

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## ANOTHER ORDER IN THE SLACK CASE.

## THE MOTHER TO HAVE CUSTODY OF HER CHILDREN ON GIVING BROWN BONDS.

Washington, June 15.—Judge McNamee late this afternoon made an order in the celebrated Slack case that the two little girls be turned over to their mother this afternoon. Mrs. Slack is required to give a bond for \$100 so that the children will not be taken out of the jurisdiction of the court. The Court of Appeals has issued an order to the court below, sitting as a court of equity, directing it to take no further proceedings in the matter, and that the mother will leave the mother undisturbed in the possession of the children until some action is taken by the United States Supreme Court next fall.

The children will be left by their father to the care of Mrs. Farnam, and while the will of the parties concerned has been sustained, the mother assures the children.

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Albany, June 15.—The State Board of Health has received a letter from Secretary Dexey, acting for the Executive Committee of the State Board of Regents, complaining of the condition of the Capital Building. Discrepancies abounds in the reports, it is said, come from unscrupulous plumbing contractors. It is believed that most of it is in New-Bedford, Boston and Pennsylvania banks.

The mills of which he is treasurer will not be included in the annual report of the State Board of Health, says that body can do nothing now, as the usual appropriation for such purposes was cut off by the last Legislature.

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Withdrawals of gold coin from the Sub-Treasury yesterday for shipment to Berlin by the Havel, or the North German Lloyd Line, sailing to-day, were \$300,000 by L. von Hoffmann & Co., and \$60,000 by Heldelbach, Leichsenring & Co. The day's deposits yesterday turned into the Sub-Treasury the amount of \$400,000, held by them on bond account.

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